IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO : 13939 of 2004

Between:

Sri Laxmi Recreation Club, 8-2-466/1, Road No.4, Banjara Hills,
Hyderabad, rep., by its Joint Secretary, Y.V.Kumar.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad.
2 The Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Hyderabad.
3 The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.
4 The Inspector of Police, Banjara Hills Police Station, Hyderabad.
5 The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force, West Zone, Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner club including playing of rummy game of 13 cards which is not a game of chance, in the card room of the petitioner club premises as illegal, arbitrary and without jurisdiction and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.VADDIPAMULETY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court at the admission stage made the following:

ORDER:

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus forbearing from interfering with the activities of the petitioner's Club in particular with the Card Room of the petitioner's Club where the members and guests of the petitioner's Club are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game).

2. It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the issue raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB) vs. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE and the writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the said decision.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to obstruct the petitioner's Club from conducting card room for playing the game of rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) by its members and guests. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to enter the premises and check if they have information that any game other than rummy is being played in the premises and to take necessary action in accordance with law. No costs.

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16.08.2004

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To

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